DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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Letter No.: 88 106

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: AID CODES FOR OBRA AND IRCA ALIENS

REFERENCE: ACWDLs 88-66 and 88-91.

The purpose of this letter is to reissue a chart listing aid codes for Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) and Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA) aliens. It had been previously issued as attachment two of ACWDL 88-66.

The chart now includes a statement emphasizing that to be eligible for Medi-Cal aliens must be otherwise eligible. This means that, regardless of the immigration status of aliens or the level of benefits they request, they must meet other eligibility requirements just as U.S. citizens must. One such requirement is linkage to the Medi-Cal program by being over 64 or under 21 years of age; blind; disabled; parent of a child deprived of parental support due to a parent's absence, incapacity, death or unemployment; pregnant; in long-term care, etc. Other requirements that must be met are: property, state residence, cooperation, etc. In conclusion, we would like to repeat what we said in ACWD letter number 88-91, answer 11:

"...aliens who are what is commonly termed 'MIAs' are not linked. Therefore, alien MIAs, just as citizen MIAs, are not eligible to Medi-Cal services, whether restricted or full scope."

We hope this revised chart will be of assistance to you. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Bilot at (916) 323-4124, ATSS 8-473-4124 or Tom Dickson at (916) 324-4961, ATSS 8-454-4961.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons

Medi-Cal Program Consultants

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